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For: DEVICE AND METHODS FOR DETECTING SAMPLES IN A FLOW CYTOMETER INDEPENDENT OF VARIATIONS IN FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION

Date: January 20, 2004

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the due date for filing a Response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003, be extended from November 19, 2003 to January 20, 2004 (January 19, 2004 being a holiday).

A check for the extension fee of \$210.00 as set forth in 37

C.F.R. 1.17(a) is enclosed. Please charge any additional extension fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0915. Two duplicate copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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